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25X1 1. [redacted] With regard to Representative Feighan's
intention to publicize his version of the story about Rumanians buying
25X1 their way to freedom, the consensus of Mr. Abe Schwartz (State),
[redacted] (Acting General Counsel), and myself was that nothing
much could be done. However, [redacted] finally decided to brief
25X1 Secretary Rusk and did so on Thursday evening. Secretary Rusk decided
he would try to talk to Representative Feighan and take the position that
if he, Representative Feighan, put out the story he must not indicate
involvement of Federal funds, as none were involved, and he must not
make charges of misfeasance by Federal servants, as no such misfeasance
had taken place. In connection with the question on funds, [redacted] 25X1
suggested that Secretary Rusk check with me. The Secretary called me
about 7 p.m., and I assured him that our only interest in this Rumanian
matter was that we got some useful intelligence from the people who got
out but that we had no operation and our funds were not involved. I had
checked this specifically and carefully with [redacted] and later with 25X1
Mr. Karamessines. Secretary Rusk thanked me. On checking with
25X1 [redacted] on Friday morning, he was not aware whether Secretary
Rusk had been in touch with Mr. Feighan.

25X1 2. [redacted] Delivered to Congressman Glen Lipscomb
an unclassified paper prepared by [redacted] on the military situation in 25X1
Cuba. I made it clear to Mr. Lipscomb that while the information was
unclassified it should not be attributed to CIA since this would make the
matter classified. Mr. Lipscomb understood the situation and was very
appreciative of our assistance.

25X1 3. [redacted] Talked with Mr. William Darden, Senate Armed
Services Committee, and advised him of the announcement which would be
made by the Department of State today on the defector [redacted] 25X1

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25X1 4. [] Talked with Ed Braswell on our retirement bill providing him with several unclassified items. He indicated that he was still drafting the report and requested that we meet with him at 11 o'clock next Monday to review this. Mr. Braswell further indicated that technically the report would be filed on Monday and it is his hope that Senator Saltonstall, who has been assigned the responsibility by Senator Russell to manage the bill, will bring it out on the floor Wednesday of next week for vote.

25X1 5. [] Talked with Russ Blandford advising him of the announcement to be made by the Department of State on the defector [] Also delivered to Mr. Blandford an analysis of the differences in our retirement bill which were made by the Senate. Mr. Blandford requested we prepare for him to be used with the Chairman and other Committee members, a nontechnical brief statement of the changes made by the Senate in the retirement bill. This statement would include a recommendation that the House accept the Senate amendments. Mr. Blandford again stated he did not believe that it would be wise to pursue a conference on the bill.

25X1 6. [] Talked with Charles Johnson, Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, to ascertain if any question had been raised with him concerning possible retroactive pay for the 30 positions which the President could bring in Levels IV and V as well as the White House assistants. Mr. Johnson indicated he had not considered this matter or heard of it but agreed it raised an interesting legal problem. Mr. Johnson then advised that the rider to commit retroactive pay generally for administrative agencies is now on the calendar under suspension of rules procedures to be considered on 21 September.

25X1 7. [] Talked with John Conway and George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and advised them of the announcement which will be made by Department of State today on the defector []

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